

APPENDIX

Marked-up versions of the claimed amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed June 24, 2003, are presented below.

In the claims:

2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the multi-function sheet binder comprises a tool carrier having separate sides each respectively supporting one of an adhesive heater tool, an adhesive former tool and an adhesive cooler tool.

4. (Amended) A system of binding sheets into a bound text body, comprising:
a spot heater configured to heat one or more localized areas of a solid hot melt adhesive to a temperature sufficient to tack the hot melt adhesive to a text body spine without melting other areas of the hot melt adhesive.

7. (Amended) A system of binding sheets into a bound text body, comprising:
an adhesive former configured to sequentially press [a] localized regions [region] of a preformed heated solid hot melt adhesive into a spine of a text body at different respective times, wherein each localized region is pressed without simultaneously pressing other regions of the hot melt adhesive into the spine, the adhesive former being further configured [and] to sequentially fold down localized edge regions of the preformed solid hot melt adhesive into contact with the text body.

15. (Amended) A method of binding sheets into a bound text body, comprising:
dispensing a solid hot melt adhesive over a spine of a text body;
heating one or more localized areas of the dispensed adhesive to a temperature sufficient to tack the hot melt adhesive to the text body spine without melting other areas of the hot melt adhesive; and
cutting the tacked adhesive to width.